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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005, please enter the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hu et al. (USP 6459506) in view of Iwaguchi et al. (USP 2002/0062292).

The Iwaguchi et al reference was filed on March 8, 2001 which postdates our priority date of February 1, 2001, which is our provisional patent filing date as mentioned in our patent application. Hence, the Iwaguchi reference can not be used to reject claims 1 – 11.

Our invention as claimed in claim 1 deals with an apparatus to scan bills with a unique software which automatically organizes all the information from the scanned bills. The Hu reference teaches merely scanning a document and preserving it in a computer as an image which can not be automatically manipulated to organize the information from the scanned document in the form of tables, pie-charts, etc. In other words, a key feature of claim 1, which is automatic